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HEY-- WADE!! WELCOME HOME!
WE SAVED THE GOOD SHUFFLEBOARD STICK FOR YA--!!
...SWEET ROSH HASHANAH...
...WHAT IT IS...
HEY-- LISTEN UP, YOU MOPES-- I AM NOT "HOME"!
I'M NEVER GONNA BE "HOME".
THE PROBLEM WITH YOU LOSERS IS YOU'RE ALL HEROES. ALL THAT SPEECH-MAKING TENDS TO GET IN THE WAY--
--OF TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS!
FORTUITOUSLY, I AM SOMEWHAT LESS ENCUMBERED...
GASP!
OMIGOSH--!!
CAN IT... BE--?!
IT IS-- IT'S-- IT'S HIM--!!
BUT-- YOU CAN'T DO THAT-- JUST KILL A MAN--
HE'S BACK-- DEADPOOL.
IT WAS... WAS LIKE... HE NEVER LEFT US...
I KNEW IT WOULDN'T BE LONG--!!
SURE I CAN. JUST FOLLOW THE SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS: "TWIST HEAD LEFT UNTIL YOU HEAR A LOUD KEE-RACKK!!"
NO-- DEADPOOL-- YOU'VE TRIED SO HARD TO CHANGE-- TO MOVE FROM BEING AN AMORAL MERCENARY--
--TO BEING ONE OF US--

--A HERO.
--IT'S TRUE. I MEAN, I'VE SPENT MY WHOLE LIFE DOING THE WRONG THING-- MAKING THE WRONG CHOICES.
FOR ONCE-- I JUST WANTED TO KNOW HOW IT FELT TO BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE.
BUT THAT WAS BEFORE HIM!!
I TRIED-- I REALLY TRIED TO BE A HERO-- TO DO ALL THAT "SAVE THE DAY" STUFF-- AND THIS--
--THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR MY TROUBLE!!
PUNT!
LOOK WHAT HE DID!! LOOK AT ME!!!
HE THOUGHT THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA!!
THEN CAME THE STUPID ROOMMATES WHO JUST SIT AND TALK ON AND ON AND ON--!!
GASP!
HE... HE DISFIGURED POOL--!!
WORSE THAN THE GOAT INCIDENT...
WELL-- MAYBE HE DID HAVE IT COMING-- HE MADE ME EVIL.
HE DROVE ME CRAZY AND THEN BANISHED ME TO LIMBO.
HE MADE ME A DRUNK... KILLED THE RED CHICK...
HE BLINDED ME! AND NOW I'M DEAD!!
HE SOLD MY GRANDMA!
HE BURNED MY HOUSE DOWN!
HE CHANGED ME INTO A WOMAN!
THIS IS WHAT I'M SAYING.
THIS TIME, I GOT HIM BEFORE HE GOT ME.
IT'S SELF-DEFENSE!
GEE, WADE-- YOU'RE THE MIGHTIEST AND THE WISEST OF US ALL!
WAY TO GO!
GEEZ-- HAD I THOUGHT OF THAT, WE COULDA STOPPED HIM IN HIS TRACKS YEARS AGO!
SO, WADE WILSON, YOU SURVIVED-- YOU'RE STILL IN BUSINESS! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW--?
I'M GOING TO DIZZ--

BY, BY GRINGO--
By. By stupid--
BRAATATATATATATATT!
TOMAS MUCHA PRÁCTICA, COMPAÑERO. A PROPÓSITO--
BRATATATATT!
¡DESPIÉRTESE!
¡LOS GUARDIAS DE GENERAL ESTEBAN ESTÁN DISPARANDO A NOSOTROS!
¿CÓMO PUEDE DORMIR USTED A TRAVÉS DE ESTO?
Wake up! General Esteban's guards are shooting at us! How can you sleep through this? With a lot of practice, pal. By the way--
BRATATATATT!
¿--PUEDO OFRECERLO YO UN TIC-TAC--?
KRAAP-TTAAKATAKAA!
--may I offer you a Tic-Tac--?
GHAAAKK--!!
KAP!
SÍ, ESTE CAFÉ ES UNA PENA. YO ESTOY DE ACUERDO...
SABORÉSE GUSTA... PICADO...
...GHAAKK...
BIEN. SABORÉS COMO B. GHAAAK...
Ghaaakk--I! Yes, this coffee is bad. I agree. Taste like... sin. All right. Tastes like ghaaak.
USTED DEBE PREPARARSE, Y USTED DEBE SER TAN BUENO COMO USTED DICE QUE USTED ES.
Y, A PROPÓSITO--
¿--NO ES USTED THOM CRUZ?
LA RESPUESTA A SU PRIMERA PREGUNTA--
You'd better get ready, and you'd better be as good as you say you are. And, by the way-- aren't you Thom Cruz? The answer to your first question--
--ES SHADDUP.

SHROUDED IN STOLEN IDENTITIES AND CLANDESTINE SECRETS, THE MERC-WITH-A-MOUTH IS A MAN OF MYSTERY. HERO? VILLAIN? SOCIOPATH? DEADPOOL MAKES HIS OWN RULES AND PLAYS BY NOBODY'S GAME. HE IS AN AGENT OF CHAOS CONFINED TO A WORLD OF CONSTRICTING ORDER; BLASTING DOWN THE FOURTH WALL BRICK BY BRICK! STAN LEE PRESENTS:
DEADPOOL
JOHNNY HANDSOME BITES THE DUST
(OR: "IF THIS SLIP BE PINK...!")
BY
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KEE-RAASH!
So, I suppose this'll be my LAST letter to you, babe.
Not that I MIND pouring out my soul to the EMBODIMENT OF DEATH--
¡TARDE BUENA!
¿HABRÍALO LOS SEÑORES QUIEREN A CUALQUIER LOS COSMÉTICOS DE MARY KAY?
BRATATATATT!
Good evening! Would you gentlemen care for any Mary Kay cosmetics?
¡EN EL NOMBRE DE TODOS QUE SON SANTOS, Y PARA EL FUTURO DE NUESTRA GRAN NACIÓN Y NUESTROS HIJOS Y HIJAS--
--EJECUTE A ESTE HOMBRE CON TODA LA VELOCIDAD DELIBERADA, INTENSIDAD Y MALICIA!
Kill him!
BRATATATATT!
--but postage to YOUR neck of the woods is a real TREAT, let me TELL you.
YO PREFERIRÍA QUE USTED NO HICIERA ESO. ¡MI PRIMO Y MI TÍO DEFIENDEN DE MÍ PARA SU CHEEF-O'S!
And you apparently don't believe in E-MAIL, sister...
Bite me, fat boy!

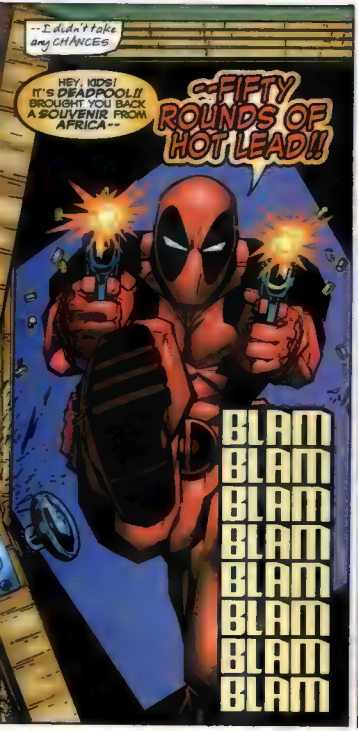
After these most RECENT events, I doubt I actually NEED the crutch anymore. So, this is kind of SO LONG for now--
PAREZCA--YO LE HARÉ UN TRATO--
SI USTED NO DISPARA A MI, YO NO PASARÉ GAS.
BRATATATATT!
Look-- I'll make you a deal-- you don't shoot at me, I won't pass gas.
--or at least until you actually write me BACK, so I don't feel like such a FEEB.
BRATATATATT!
¡YO LO MATARÉ PARA ESTO--SI ES LA ÚLTIMA COSA QUE YO HAGO!
I'll kill you for this-- if it's the last thing I do!
So, there I was, in downtown La la la la Bamba or wherever.
Having a REALLY hard time staying AWAKE...
¡ESPERE--NO SE MARCHA ENFADADO--
--DE HECHO, NO SE MARCHA!
Wait-- don't go away mad-- in fact, don't go away!
But I needed the MONEY. Less than a DAY before, I had 1.4 mill stashed overseas.
Now I was digging CHANGE out of the sofa cushions.
KR-KAKK!
¡YEELRRKK!
Yeeurrkk!
My entire LIFE had gone down the TOILET. AGAIN.
And, to think, it took less than a DAY to sink EVERYTHING...
EL PAQUETE SE ENVUELVE.
The package is wrapped.

MIGHT AS WELL GIVE IT UP, FELLA.
FOR THE 900TH TIME, FRANK--
--I AM NOT A MAN.
AND NEITHER, APPARENTLY, ARE YOU.
WHEN ARE THEY GONNA ARRAIGN US?! WE'VE BEEN LEFT HERE SINCE THE AVENGERS CAPTURED US!
AND WHY DO THEY ALWAYS PUT SUPER-VILLAINS IN THESE BLASTED STASIS TUBES?!?
THINK, YOU IDIOT--
--THEY LEARNED IT FROM US.
US.
US.
LEARNED THIS.
THIS.
FROM US.
YES.
THIS.
THIS.
US.
US.
I'VE NEVER OWNED ONE OF THESE THINGS IN MY LIFE.
HAD A DEALER TRY TO SELL ME ONE ONCE. VERY PUSHY. A REAL TURN-OFF...
I MEANT VILLAINS, FRANK--
--MAGNETO WAS THE FIRST VILLAIN TO USE THESE THINGS TO IMPRISON HIS ENEMIES.
LAST ISSUE-- MIKE
I GUESS TURNABOUT IS FAIR PLAY--
--NEET-O.
THERE'S NOTHING NEAT ABOUT ANY OF THIS---

NO-- MAG-NEET-O. YOU CALLED HIM MAG-NET-O.
FRANK-- EVERY NEWS SHOW SAYS NET-O.
THEN EVERY NEWS SHOW IS WRONG. IT'S NEET.
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A MAG-NEET.
HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
PERHAPS WE SHOULD THROW OUT A DRAG-NEET.
TITANIA-- IT'S A THING. DEH-MEE.
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A SEH-MEE TRACTOR TRAILER!
THERE'S JUST NO TALKING TO YOU.
GOD, I HOPE SO.
AIR'S... SO STALE IN HERE...
THAT'S NEARLY PURE OXYGEN, FRANK-- NOTHING WRONG WITH IT.
SURE THERE IS-- IT'S FLAMMABLE!
SO?
WELL, WHAT IF I WANNA SMOKE?
YOU DON'T SMOKE.
WHAT IF I WANNA START?
AND THIS TUBE... IT SMELLS LIKE... THE RHINO!
GEEZ, DON'T THEY HOSE THESE THINGS DOWN BETWEEN VILLAINS?!
WHAT IF SOMEONE LICKED THE GLASS?! MY GOD-- THE GERMS--!!
I'M STUCK IN A STASIS TUBE WITH RHINO SPIT ALL OVER THE GLASS!!
I'M LODGING A FORMAL COMPLAINT--!!
GLARDDD--!!
FOR CRIPES SAKE, SCHLICTING, PUT A CORK IN IT, WILL YOU?!?
NOT LIKE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO DO--
I WANNA TALK TO SOMEBODY ABOUT THIS RHINO SPIT--
--AND WHAT'S ON THE OFFICIAL RECORD-- NET-O OR NEET-O--?!

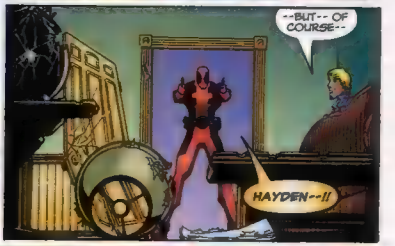
JOE--MURRAY--HELLPP--!!
--?! JACK--P! HOW--?
THAT LOOPY BROAD--THAT'S HOW--!!
GET ME OUTTA HERE--!!
P-THAKK!
UGHNN!!
YEEURRK!
HAVE YOU OUT IN A SEC, JACK--
WE GOTTA SEND UP AN ALERT--TITANIA'S ESCAPED--
--?!
AND, WHILE YOU'RE OUT, CHECK ON MY KOSHER MEAL--
BINGO!
MAN!
AND, IT'S NEET-O!!!
WRONG, FRANK--
--UNNGH! THIS IS THE PART THAT'S ALWAYS PAINFUL--
--ON ALL ACCOUNTS.
--AH--
--Y--
YOU--P!!
GOTTA GO.
I'VE KEPT WADE WAITING LONG ENOUGH.
...
--WILL YOU MARRY ME?

I'd just returned to the DEADLOUNGE from WAKANDA, having not been kissed by Triathlon
Last I'd seen my ROOMMATES, they were still in ST. IX, PLEASED, no doubt, that I'd escaped and left THEM there
Dr. Otto
BLACK PANTHER #23, STILL ON SALE!
If you'd they MUST'VE busted out by then, so--


--I didn't take any CHANCES
HEY, KIDS! IT'S DEADPOOL!! BROUGHT YOU BACK A SOUVENIR FROM AFRICA--
FIFTY ROUNDS OF HOT LEAD!!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

WASN'T SURE WHAT KIND OF WELCOME HOME PARTY YOU HAD PLANNED--
--SO, I FIGURE WE DANCE FIRST, HUG LATER--!
BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM

--AH--
--ANYBODY HOME?


--BUT-- OF COURSE--
HAYDEN--!!

HAYDEN-- MY FAVORITE REALTOR!!
HOW ARE THEY HANG--
--AH, NEVER MIND.
WE GOT ANY PORK CHOPS?

HOW'S IT GOIN' OUT THERE, PAL?
BUT, OF COURSE--
--I BELIEVE I HAVE DISARMED MOST OF THE TRAPS MEESTER SCHLEKK-TUNG SET FOR YOU.
WHAT A PAL.
WANNA CHOP?
PEANUT BUTTER
BUT, OF COURSE, NO, THANK YOU,
I AM ATTEMPTING TO CUT DOWN ON TOASTER-GRILLED PORK PRODUCTS...
DING DONG!
... AH, SOMEONE AT THE DOOR...
WELL, PERHAPS,
WE CAN ALL LEARN SOMETHING NEW...
YES, YES, WE CAN.
WHICH REMINDS ME--
--I EVER TELL YOU HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU ARE--
WHO IS IT?
BUT, OF COURSE, NO ONE. ARMWAY SALES.
NOW, YOU'RE SURE ABOUT THE CHOPS THING, HAYDEN? LAST CHANCE, BUDDETTE.

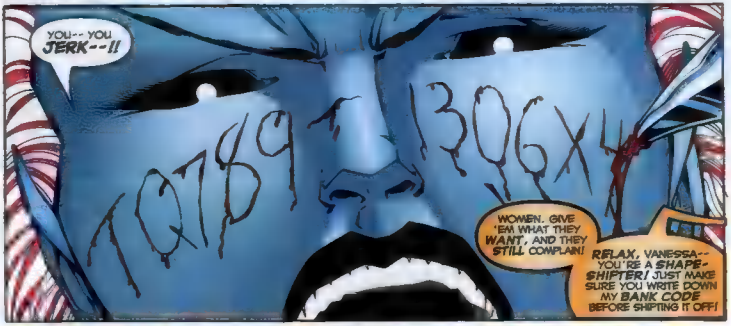
--VANESSA--?
THWACKK!
BUT, OF COURSE, HOW DID YOU KNOW--?! HOW COULD YOU TELL--?!
THE ANSWER TO YOUR FIRST QUESTION--
--IS SHADDUP.
BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM BLA
DON'T YOU THINK, AFTER ALL THOSE WEEKS OF YOUR POSING AS TITANIA, THAT I'D BE ABLE TO SMELL YOU BY NOW--
--COPYCAT?!
YOU--
YOU KNEW ALL ALONG?!
WE USED TO BE ... INVOLVED, VANESSA. SHAPE-SHIFTER OR NO, I'D SPOT YOU IN WHATEVER SHAPE YOU TOOK!
...BESIDES, HAYDEN'S PERFUME IS MUCH MILDER...
EMPHASIS ON "USED TO BE," WADE. THAT WAS BEFORE YOU DUMPED ME--
AH, HELLO, I HAD CANCER!
EXCUSES.
I THOUGHT-- I THOUGHT WE ENDED AS FRIENDS, VANESSA!
WE DID! BUT BUSINESS IS BUSINESS, WADE--!!

YOU'VE MADE A LOT OF ENEMIES OVER THE YEARS, WADE-- INCLUDING--
--THE WINGLESS WIZARD!!
WHO-?!
THE WINGLESS WIZARD!!
SORRY-- NOT RINGING A BELL...
THE WINGLESS WIZARD, YOU DOLT! I DECIMATED YOU AS A MEMBER OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
I REMEMBER. I'D JUST MADE A BET WITH MYSELF TO SEE HOW MANY TIMES I COULD GET YOU TO SCREAM OUT "THE WINGLESS WIZARD!!"
ISSUE #33 --PAGE
I'LL ASSUME IT WAS YOUR TECHNOLOGY THAT IS ENABLING COPYCAT TO SIMULATE TITANIA'S STRENGTH AND INVULNERABILITY--
--AND CUP SIZE--
GUESS ALL YOU WANT, WILSON-- THE [redacted] STILL BE--
--YOU'RE DEAD MEAT!
OR DID YOU FORGET SCHLICTING AND I WERE ALSO ON THE TEAM?
BARNEY!! MY MAN! AND, HEY, WITHOUT THE "BIG TALK" THIS TIME!
AFTER I ESCAPED FROM WYATT WINGFOOT'S RESERVATION, THE TASKMASTER AND I [redacted] ALLIANCE--
--TO AVENGE OURSELVES ON YOU!
SO THEY HIRED YOU TO GET NEXT TO ME-- JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS, WHEN WE WORKED FOR TOLLIVER!
THEY NEEDED SOMEONE WHO KNEW YOU-- WHO COULD PREDICT YOUR MOVES-- GET IN CLOSE.
SEE FANTASTIC FOUR #28
SEE THE CIRCLE CHASES ONE --MORE

I TOLD [redacted] THAT EVEN WITH TITANIA'S POWERS, IT WAS UNLIKELY ANYONE COULD ACTUALLY KILL YOU. STILL, I WAS HAPPY TO TAKE THEIR MONEY--
--AND YOURS! BUT ACHEBE WELCHED [redacted] OR FAIL TO GIVE ME THE ACCOUNT CODE FOR YOUR OVERSEAS BANK!
WHAT DO YOU NEED MONEY FOR?! GARRISON KANE'S ROLLING IN IT--!
RIGHT. GUESS AGAIN.
SO-- THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT-- MONEY?
HERE I THOUGHT-- WELL-- MAYBE THIS WAS YOUR WAY OF GETTING CLOSE TO ME AGAIN--
GARRISON KANE • [redacted] X, COPYCAT'S [redacted] SERIAL -MIKE
SEE JUST ISSUE -MIKE
--I MEAN, LOOK AT ME-- EVERYTHING I'VE EVER KNOWN IS GONE-- I'M STUCK WITH [redacted] THIS FACE--
--BUT, THEN YOU CAME ALONG, KNOWING THAT I'D SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOUR DISGUISES-- I THOUGHT, [redacted] ALL WAS SAID [redacted] DONE--
--THERE'D BE AT LEAST ONE GRATUITOUS NUDE SCENE!
LOVER, IF I [redacted] THIS WAS JUST ABOUT THE MONEY--
--I'D BE TELLING YOU THE TRUTH!
IT'S OVER BETWEEN US, WADE. YOU DID THAT.
STOP LOOKING FOR DEEPER MOTIVES-- THIS IS ABOUT THE CASH.
...
--I BELIEVE YOU.
THWACKK!
OKAY. IF WE DON'T HAVE LOVE, MAYBE WE CAN SHARE A LITTLE NEURAL STUN!
IT'S COMPLETELY PLATONIC!

--?! OH, PLEASE, WADE.
YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT ANYMORE THAN I DO.
EVEN IF I WASN'T SPEWING WITH WILLOWARTH'S NON-SCROLL MOJO, I'M TRAINED TO KILL YOU.
MAYBE. MAYBE NOT.
WILLING TO BET YOUR LIFE ON IT?
WHICH ONE?
THINK I STILL HAVE 6 OR 7 LEFT.
JUST THE MONEY. NO DIP IN THE OLD DEADPOOL--?
IF ACHEBE HAD GIVEN ME THE CODE, I'D BE GONE BY NOW.
SCREWING OVER TASK-MASTER AND THE WIZARD IS EASY ENOUGH TO DO. HECK-- YOU'VE DONE IT.

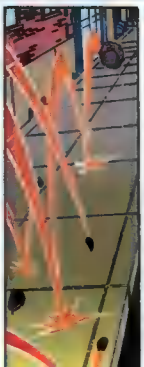
YOU'RE RIGHT. FOR INSTANCE--
--WHAH--? WHAT ARE YOU-- AAIIEEEE--!!
I'M GIVING YOU WHAT YOU CAME FOR...
...STOP SQUIRMING... RUINING MY PENMANSHIP...


YOU-- YOU JERK--!!
WOMEN. GIVE 'EM WHAT THEY WANT, AND THEY STILL COMPLAIN!
RELAX, VANESSA-- YOU'RE A SHAPE-SHIFTER! JUST MAKE SURE YOU WRITE DOWN MY BANK CODE BEFORE SHIFTING IT OFF!

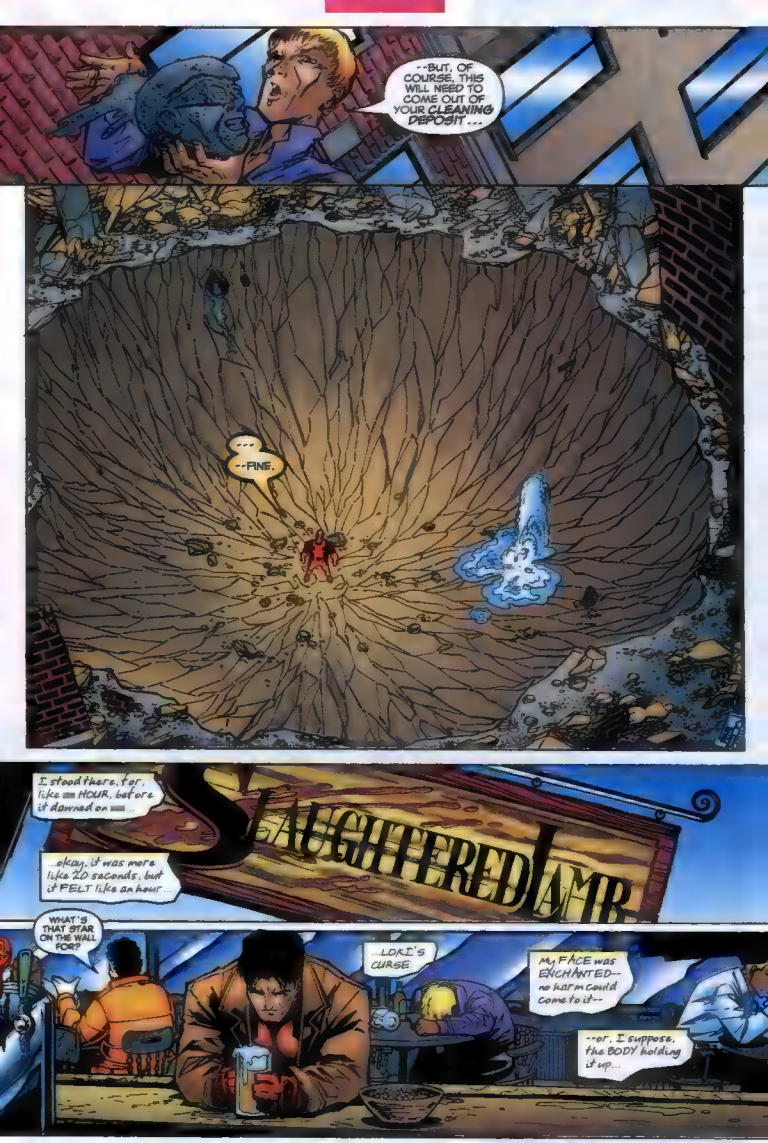
AND, AS FOR YOU TWO--
--GOT ANY GIGS? I'M KINDA LOOKING FOR WORK...
FOOLISH BRAVADO FROM A DEAD MAN!
THAT'S DEADPOOL--
I SEE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN--

--THE HUGE STOCKPILE OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICES BEHIND YOU--
...AH... NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... I HAD...
KRAKKABADOOM!

TINKK!



MR. WILSON--


--BUT, OF COURSE, THIS WILL NEED TO COME OUT OF YOUR CLEANING DEPOSIT...
...
--FINE.
I stood there...for, like an HOUR, before it dawned on me...
...okay, it was more like 20 seconds, but it FELT like an hour...
LAUGHTERED LAMB
WHAT'S THAT STAR ON THE WALL FOR?
...LOKI'S CURSE.
My FACE was ENCHANTED--no harm could come to it--
--or, I suppose, the BODY holding it up...

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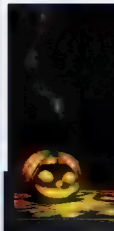

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A CURSE UPON THEE!!
LET THY LIFE FALL INTO RUIN UNTIL THOU DOTH SEEK THY FATHER'S FORGIVENESS!!
I figured, I [redacted] STUCK with this mug of a Hollywood dandy until I somehow made PEACE with Loki--
--who, for whatever reason, was claiming to be my FATHER.
Vanessa SURVIVED somehow, because when I checked my overseas account, I was CLEANED OUT.
TRYIN' TO CORNER THE MARKET, THERE, GUY?
I figured [redacted] was a reasonable way to spend my very last dollar...
...hopefully a BAR FIGHT would be JUST the ticket to take my mind off things...
WHAT MARKET MIGHT THAT BE, GRAMPS?
THE PEANUTS, THE NUTS, YOU DANDY.
I'M NOT A DANDY. I JUST LOOK LIKE ONE.
I KNOW. YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY NOT THOM CRUZ. IT'S A WIG OR SOMETHIN.'
OR, PERHAPS, SORCEROUSLY IMPOSED BY THE NORSE TRICKSTER GOD OF EVIL.
YEAH. MEBBE THAT.
ABOUT THOSE NUTS.
MOSES AND JOSEPH! TELL SOMEBODY WHO GIVES A SQUAT.
KID-- MY NAVEL LINT'S HAD TOUGHER DAYS THAN YOU.
YOU'RE ONE O' THEM-- PSYCHO THUGS LOOKING FOR A REASON. THAT IT, KID? YOU WANNA GO AT THE OLD MAN?
OVER A BOWL OF NUTS?
MAYBE IF YOU WERE BUSTING MY CHOPS A LITTLE LESS, HUH?
I MEAN, IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY.
BEWARE THE MOOSE-- STAY TO THE ROAD!

KID-- WHATEVER YOUR DAMAGE-- IT'S GOT NOTHIN' TO DO WITH ME.
I WANT TWO THINGS IN LIFE: WATCH THIS GAME AND DRINK THIS BEER. PLEASE TO OBSERVE.
NOW, I FIGURE YOU GOT TWO MOVES:
PASS THE BLASTED NUTS, OR MAKE YOUR MOVE.
EITHER WAY, DO IT NOW WHILE THE COMMERCIAL'S ON.

SORRY.
I CAN BE A REAL PILL SOMETIMES.
LEARNED FROM THE BEST.
LIFE'S A CABARET, KID. NOW SHADDUP.
IT'S CHRISTMAS BY(...)

MAYBE I'LL SEE YOU AROUND.
MAYBE YOU WON'T.
TRY NOT TO TOSS AND TURN OVER IT.
I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.

I figured I'd hit BOTTOM. I mean, can't even pick a decent BAR FIGHT anymore...
EEEEEKKK--!!
GASP--!
OH... MY GOD...
NO, I AM NOT THOM CRUZ. NO, I AM NOT THOM CRUZ. NO--

And THAT's when I finally noticed...
--I AM... NOT THOM CRUZ...
I AM NOT THOM CRUZ! I AM NOT THOM CRUZ! YUUUUSE!
THANK THE STARS AH-BOVE! I AM NO LONGER THOM CRUZ! YUUUUSE!!
BUT, I DON'T GIET IT-- LOKI SAID--
A CURSE UPON THEE!!
LET THY LIFE FALL INTO RUIN UNTIL THOU DOTH SEEK THY FATHER'S FORGIVENESS!!
THE OLD GUY--
--COULD HE-- I MEAN, IS HE--

--RATS.
NOW WHAT? BROKE, HOMELESS, UGLY... WELL--

--GUESS I'LL JUST DO WHAT COMES NATURALLY!
HANG ONTO YOUR HATS, GANG--
--THE BEST IS YET TO COME!!
NEXT:
A BIG WELCOME TO JIMMY PALMIOTTI & PAUL CHADWICK AS THEY KICK OFF DEADPOOL'S CRUEL SUMMER!
THANKS, GANG, IT'S BEEN A BLAST! --PRIEST (THE ANSWER TO YOUR FIRST QUESTION IS SHADOW!)

MAILBOX DEADPOOL

Dear Deadlines,

It would be awesome if the following freaks could guest-star in an upcoming issue of DEADPOOL: Wolverine, Venom, Punisher, Lockheed, Ravage, (New) Foolkiller, Slapstick, Mojo, Apocalypse, Fin-Fang-Foom and Deuce, but not Al or Weasel. Pretty, pretty please with a cherry on top!

No Name Guy
arminios@pa.net

That's a pretty interesting list there, Mr ... uh, Guy. Check out WOLVERINE #154 and 155 for Rob Liefeld's take on the Wolverine/ Deadpool team-up. We've seen the pages and they look awesome! The story's pretty cool, too!

Then, after picking up DEADPOOL #'s 46-48, of course, be on the lookout for a boat load of guest-stars in DEADPOOL #49. It's an issue that will surely please one and all!

Dear Marvel,

I know this question may be a little premature, but I was just looking at the latest edition of *Entertainment Weekly*, where they did an article about movies based on comic books, and I saw something that caught my attention.

In the section entitled "Looking Marvelous" the writer talks about some upcoming Marvel movies that will possibly be made. In that article he states four super heroes are possibly going to be getting movies, one of which was Deadpool. I am very interested in what the status of that movie is, not only because Deadpool is my all time favorite character, but because I think it's about time they made a movie with Deadpool in it. If you could give me any information on the movie I would be very grateful. Thank you for your time, I really appreciate it.

Cary Israel
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That's right, folks, Deadpool may be coming to a theater near you any day now ... well, not exactly any day, but like Cary said, the character is one of many Marvel heroes being considered as a possible movie star these days. There aren't that many details right now, but as soon as we hear anything we'll share it with you. Deadpool fans will be the first to get the scoop!

Hey Deadites,

I just read GAMBIT #17 and #18 which both included a Deadpool guest appearance. I knew Deadpool was around, but I never got a chance to read one of his comics. When I read GAMBIT #17 and noticed how much of a wise cookie he was, I became hooked and picked up DEADPOOL #36. I've picked up every book since and now I know where the phrase "the answer to your first question is SHADDAP!!" came from. An assassin with a mouth ... I love it! He's so cocky! It makes me wonder if his cockiness doesn't get the best of him sometimes.

There should be a guy who is an equal psychotic match for him somewhere in the Marvel Universe. Hopefully, someday we'll see him in these pages. Well, as always, Make Mine Marvel!

James Youngblood
Orlando, Florida

We're always eager to welcome a new fan to the Deadpool club, James. Deadpool's guest appearance over in GAMBIT was a special treat for everyone involved. Hopefully we can see more team-ups in the future!

As for Deadpool's cockiness, there's not much we can say ... he is cocky! And if you're looking for the perfect match for Deadpool, good luck! He might be the most zany character in the whole Marvel Universe! We don't think anyone could ever compare to him!

Dear DEADPOOL team,

DEADPOOL #42? Well, I loved this twisted take on that celebrated issue of G.I. JOE. From the hilarious cover to the final page, this was a great offering. So that's what happened to Humbug from WEB OF SPIDER-MAN, is it? I guess that explains why he only returned once in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN to face the wall-crawler. Can't say we'll miss him. If there ever was a villain who Scourge had a duty to rid us of, it was Humbug ... except Deadpool did it far more inventively, of course!

Keep up the great work!

Andy Oliver
Essex, England

We're glad you liked our little homage to the classic G.I. JOE #21 from yesteryear, Andy. Humbug had disappeared from the Marvel Universe for a time ... and it looks as though he's disappeared again.

Hey, speaking of the Scourge, he's back in town and he's badder than ever. Check out recent issues of THUNDERBOLTS for more details. Who knows what awful deeds this new incarnation has cooked up for those repentant villains and their leader Hawkeye.

Dear Deadlines,

Marvel, I have one thing to say. Deadpool joins X-Force.

Larry Tarver
Youngstown, Ohio

Sorry, Larry, but there are no plans for Deadpool to join X-FORCE anytime soon. You'll just have to stick around and get your monthly Deadpool fix here. And if that's not enough, like we told your fellow letter writer earlier, check out Deadpool in WOLVERINE #154 and 155. It's just the right thing to do.

Dear Deadlines,

Hello. My name is Caleb Lilly and I am a 14-year-old eighth grader at Leighton Middle School. I am writing as part of a school project for Word Processing to comment on Deadpool.

I have loved Deadpool ever since I read DEADPOOL #0. It's a great comic! Who thought up Widdle Wade? He's awesome!

What's wrong with Deadpool's skin? Why is it all bubbly? Well, anyway, it's a great comic and you guys rule!

I would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience. Thanks for reading my letter.

Caleb Lilly
Leighton, PA

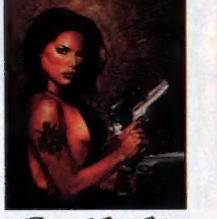
We're more than happy to help you out with a homework assignment, Caleb. We wish that all we had to do when we were in school was send a letter to a comic company and wait for a response. Boy, has education changed! Hopefully, you picked up that issue in order to see your letter in print. No one can ever say DEADPOOL isn't educational, can they? More importantly, we're glad you like the book, so keep reading.

As for Deadpool's skin, he has cancer. The same scientific process that gave Deadpool his amazing healing factor also caused his tragic skin condition to accelerate at an unbelievable rate.

That's it for this month, folks, which leads us to next issue. First, check out X-MEN UNLIMITED #28 which features an eleven page back-up feature by brand spanking new DEADPOOL writer Jimmy Palmiotti and penciler extraordinaire, Liam McCormick-Sharp (who will be penciling a MAGIK limited series in October, by the way) for a look at what happens to Deadpool between this issue and DEADPOOL #46. (It also includes a killer front story, featuring the X-MEN in Russia by Joe Pruett and Brett Booth.)

Then, join us as we welcome Jimmy Palmiotti and comic book legend, Paul Chadwick for a three-part tale entitled "Cruel Summer"! (No disrespect to BANANARAMA, of course.) It's gonna be a hot one, you can count on it!

Now, after you finish drooling over the Joe Jusko cover for DEADPOOL #46, head on down to the Next Issue box. After that, get your friends together and help each other wait out the 30 tension-filled days in anticipation of "Cruel Summer" Part One. It'll be worth the wait!



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